

## LOYAL ALUMNI PAY HEARTY TRIBUTE TO ALMA MATER

University of Vermont Graduates Gather in Force around Institution on the Hill in Annual Reunion.

### LUNCHEON AND SPEECHES

Ralph A. Stewart Nominated As Member of the Board of Trustees and George W. Benedict Elected President of Alumni Association.

The University of Vermont's loyal alumni paid hearty tribute Tuesday to alma mater. A new record for attendance at the annual reunion was established when 350 men and women occupied practically every seat at the long tables in the gymnasium. There were anniversary reunions of the classes of 1890, 1895, 1900, 1905 and 1910 in the afternoon following the breakfast, and from 4:30 until six President and Mrs. Benton received at their home on University place. The graduates of the College of Medicine held their annual banquet at six o'clock at the medical building with class reunions. A student "Hum" and alumni campfire at eight and fraternity reunions at nine o'clock rounded out a busy day.

While the guests for the alumni breakfast were assembling under the trees at the south end of the Old Mill there swung around the corner a pair of carefully driven oxen drawing a hayrack overflowing with some 25 members of the class of 1896. The men wore overalls and jumpers and straw hats of rural design, and the women wore in sunbonnets and gingham pinafores. The wagon was adorned with placards on which the slogan of "Safety First" was prominently featured. This proved the most effective astuteness of the day and to 1915 was awarded the honor of being the first class to have its numerals engraved on the huge silver cup which was presented to the university last year by the class of 1898.

The Rev. Walter H. Cambridge, 64, of San Mateo, Cal., the retiring president of the associate alumni, presided at the breakfast. He spoke but briefly, saying that the length of his remarks would be in inverse ratio to the distance he had come. He referred to the university as "home" and called on every graduate not to lose his destination. The success of mankind depends on individual character and he quoted Professor Emerson to the effect "That the law of life is struggle." Mr. Cambridge called first on John E. Lovely of Rutland to speak for the class of 1910, and as befitting the youngest graduates thus honored Mr. Lovely spoke but briefly, evidently remembering the advice that children should be seen and not heard. It was while the breakfast was in progress that 1910 made its dramatic entrance. Each of its members was dressed in sailor costume of white duck and the leaders bore a painted banner on which was announced the safe arrival of the class in port after a five-year voyage.

FRED B. WRIGHT, 46, of New York was spokesman for 1910, the cup winner. Mr. Wright said the class started 10 years ago and its progress by oxcart had necessarily been slow but eminently safe. While their costumes were those of agriculturists he would not have it thought that there was anything particularly slow about farmers. He had already received two offers from Illinois of the soil for his overalls and jumper which cost him 90 cents. One offer was 50 cents and the other 60. The class entered college 125 strong and about 50 were graduated. The class has 61 children and two pretty little maids were held up as exhibits.

T. REED POWELL, 66, of Columbia University was called upon to respond for the graduates of 1900 and caused a great laugh by asking the class mates to hold up the class baby, a sturdy youth of at least high school age. Mr. Powell stated that '00 was the class that fought and won the battle of Lake Champlain through the abundant supply of ammunition found on the Four Brothers islands. The battle followed the kidnapping of the class president and four other officers. Rumor was made to powder and the kidnappers quoted "We believe in the university," he said, "and come back to it as to a shrine, remembering the men who taught us. We relate in all the changes being made and look forward to years of service for Vermont."

C. W. DOTEN, 95, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology felt chastened by lack of time since learning he was to speak made it impossible for him to present vital statistics that would overshadow those quoted by previous speakers. He called attention to a few points about his class that might be forgotten. First, 1895 originated the College Kake Walk and also found a direct passage from north to south college by cutting a hole in the dividing wall. The class initiated the first academic strike against having its members deliver commencement day orations. This resulted so successfully that when President Buckingham returned from Boston to "arbitrate" the question, it was so late that those who were selected to speak were excused from final examinations. He said '95 was in college during the flowering period of architectural growth when the Science hall and dormitory were built.

Mr. Doten quoted figures showing that in the four years ending with 1895 the graduates in the academic department numbered 141, in the four years ending with 1900, 150, in the four years ending with 1905, 155, and in the four years ending with 1910, 167. More significant as indicating the trend of present day education is the change in the courses. In the four years ending with 1895, the degree of A. B. was given to 67 students and that of Ph. D. to 26, a total of 93 per cent. compared with 35 per cent. who have taken these degrees in the past four years. In the four-year period ending with 1910 there were 22 engineering graduates, in the past four

years, 75. Similarly there were nine in chemistry compared with 27 now; seven agricultural graduates compared with 64 now. How much more closely is the university in touch with its environment, he said. We are responding to the demands of the times and the thing to do is to go along and develop those lines that time has shown to be desirable.

HORACE K. TENNEY, '80, Judge Horace K. Tenney of Chicago was the last of the alumni speakers. He was graduated in 1880. He illustrated his points with a number of very apt stories. All good in the past is permanent, he said. He finds great changes, of course, in the buildings, those of his day having a dominant characteristic of pure antiquity, and he was heartily applauded at a graceful reference he made to Prof. G. H. Perkins. He was impressed anew today by the fact that the friends of his youth are still his youthful friends, showing that our contemporaries never grow old.

PRESIDENT BENTON. All stood and cheered as President Benton rose to make the last remarks of the afternoon. He told a story about Robert J. Burdett, who said the time always comes when a son knows more than his father. He wished it was possible to gather all the advice he received from graduates on how to get more athletic teams and on how to enrich the curriculum. He appreciated the spirit that prompts these suggestions and welcomes them all. President Benton then referred to the genial and capable man who was for 45 years the secretary of this association, the late Charles E. Allen, and to another who for more than six decades was a student, alumnus and teacher at the University of Vermont, the late Professor Goodrich. Often as he crosses the campus he thinks of President Buckingham and how the college thrived and expanded under his able administration. He spoke of the danger of spreading out too much. "The past is secure," he said, "and the future rests on you (the alumni) and on me."

President Benton read an interesting letter from the Rev. G. H. Rice of Council Bluffs, Iowa, a graduate of the university in the class of 1848 and now in his 60th year, in mention of Warren R. Austin, B. A., second by Dr. John H. Blodgett of Bellows Falls, the association voted that the thanks of the assembled graduates be extended to the aged alumnus for his kindly remembrance.

The president of the class of 1915, at the request of Mr. Cambridge, led in giving the Vermont yell and this brought the exercises to a close.

### ASSOCIATE ALUMNI.

Ralph A. Stewart of Boston Nominated for the Position of Trustee.

The annual meeting of the Associate Alumni was held in the college chapel at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The president of the association, the Rev. Walter H. Cambridge of San Mateo, Cal., presided. Charles E. Lamb was elected secretary pro tem. H. G. Fuller was elected treasurer. The report of the treasurer, which was accepted and placed on file. He reported total receipts of \$701.90 and a balance on hand of \$141.45. As a tribute to the deceased secretary, Charles E. Allen, the alumni stood and sang the hymn "The Church's One Foundation." The following committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year: J. H. G. Fuller, L. P. Smith and W. P. Kingsley. The Rev. G. Y. Bliss read the list of alumni deceased, as follows:

1918—The Rev. Edward Bingham Champlin, born Stratford, Vt., 18 Jan. 1853, died Sharon, Vt., 28 Aug. 1914.

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